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Minutes of the Sixth Meeting
of the Ad Hoc Committee
to Survey Scientific & Technical Intelligence
11 June 1952

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The Committee: Mr. Becker, CIA, Chairman; Mr. Truchess, State;
Colonel Perry and Major Wise, G-2; Captain Hart, G-2;
Colonel Fiskney, D/I USAF; Colonel Dunn, JCS;
Mr. Henderson, JCS

Appearing Before the Committee:

From the Services -- Mr. Virgil O. Johnson, G-2; Dr. Louis F.
Woodruff, G-2; Colonel Felix S. Ambrose, G-2;
Colonel John G. Brinkman, D/I USAF; Colonel Lloyd R.
Gould, D/I, USAF; Colonel John R. Tolman, JCS

From CIA/OSI -- Mr. Ralph L. Clark, Dr. Frank L. Carroll,

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The Committee heard from Mr. Johnson, for the Services, and Mr. Clark, for OSI, respecting the proper treatment of OS. The tentative view was expressed by the Chairman that, although there can be no question as to the great interest of the military in this subject, there is a difference between OS and, for example, guided missiles, in that non-military agencies are involved in OS matters and should, therefore, be included in whatever mechanism is established to work in this field. It was brought out by discussion that a working committee would be useful as a central place to get together the interested parties, avoid duplication, and provide a recipient for reports for coordinated views.

Discussion of OS was introduced by the Chairman's tentative recognition that OS was a field in which the services might well be considered primarily responsible. Various members of the Committee, as well as several of those appearing before the Committee, suggested the close similarity of OS and OS.

Colonel Ambrose presented a resume of medical intelligence activities. There was general agreement that this was a field in which present procedures had proved eminently satisfactory in coordinating a subject agreed to be of mutual interest to the Services and others.

Mr. Michael D. Irwin, Executive Assistant to Mr. Becker, acted as recorder of the meeting. ~~SECRET~~

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In Executive Session, the Committee considered its future activities. The Chairman undertook to produce a draft report to be considered on 18 June. This report will reconcile the various proposals as to basic allocations of responsibilities; will delineate the functions of a committee to coordinate intelligence activities in the scientific and technical intelligence fields; and will outline those working sub-committees felt necessary for fields with large "gray areas."

The Chairman made it clear that CIA must, throughout, reserve the right to re-examine allocations in the light of the degree to which responsibilities are satisfactorily discharged.

It was recognized that the services might find it necessary to establish military working groups paralleling those recommended in the proposed report unless, without organizing such military groups, the military members of the proposed combined groups could present coordinated views of the services.

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, 18 June, at two o'clock in the Conference Room, Administration Building, CIA, to consider revisions to the draft final report. The report, as revised, will be considered by the responsible Chiefs of each department and agency preparatory to a final meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, 25 June.

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